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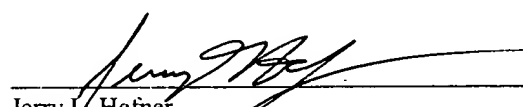
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 03, 2003 (Paper Number 17) in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thoughtful consideration of the arguments previously submitted in response to the prior Restriction Requirements issued in this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following elections and consider the following remarks. With respect to the Examiner's instant Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the *ypnC* antisense nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 1463, the *ypnC* sense nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 4228 and the YphC polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 12600. With respect to the Examiners additional requirement that a species be elected for claims 48, 50, 88 and 90, Applicants provisionally elect *Staphylococcus aureus* with traverse.

In addition to the above elections, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following claim amendments.

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